



The Journey

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HISTORY OF THE DISCIPLES (disciples.org/our-identity/history-of-the-disciples/)

Early History. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada grew out of two movements seeking Christian unity that sprang up almost simultaneously in western Pennsylvania and Kentucky - movements that were backlashes against the rigid denominationalism of the early 1800s.

Thomas and Alexander Campbell, a Presbyterian Scotch-Irish immigrant father and son in Pennsylvania, rebelled against the dogmatic sectarianism that kept members of different denominations - and even factions within the same denomination - from partaking of the Lord's Supper together. Walter Scott, an immigrant from Scotland, was a successful evangelist of the resulting Campbell movement as it separated from the Baptists.

Barton W. Stone, a fifth-generation American in Kentucky and also a Presbyterian, objected to the use of creeds as tests of "fellowship" within the church, which were a cause of disunity, especially at the Lord's table. He was a key participant in the Restoration Movement following the Cane Ridge Revival of 1801 near Paris, KY.

"Christians," the name adopted by Stone's movement, represented what he felt to be a shedding of denominational labels in favor of a scriptural and inclusive term. Campbell had similar reasons for settling on "Disciples of Christ" but he felt the term "Disciples" less presumptuous than "Christians." (For an introduction to some of their ideas, see the Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery - 1804 or the Declaration and Address - 1809.)

The aims and practices of the two groups were similar, and the Campbell and Stone movements united in 1832 in Lexington, KY after about a quarter of a century of separate development. (For key dates and more detail, go to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society website.)

The founders of the Christian Church hoped to restore Christian unity by returning to New Testament faith and practices. But the church found that even this led to division. One group which opposed practices not specifically authorized by the New Testament, such as instrumental music in the church and organized missionary activity, gradually pulled away. That group finally was listed separately in the 1906 federal religious census as the "Churches of Christ."

Another group began a separation in 1926 over what it felt were too-liberal policies on the mission field in the practice of baptism. More than 40 years later (1967-69) some 3,000 of those congregations formally withdrew at the time of Disciples restructure. They refer to themselves as the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ.

The Tapestry of Today. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a North American denomination. North America has long been racially and culturally diverse but church life is not always integrated. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) participates in the racial and cultural diversity of North America, including in its membership European Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Pacific Island/Asian Americans. Disciples are working to become a pro-reconciling anti-racist church. We also have brothers and sisters in Canada who joined our movement with a slightly different history.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 16**, at Noon. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Huntsville will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on October 9, 2022. Included in our plans is putting together a booklet for the occasion. We invite you to share your memories of being a member of the church. Your essay could be 100 words or more and please include approximate years in your descriptions where possible. If you have old pictures of our early days, please share them too. (If you have printed pictures we will scan them and return them to you.) I need your memories, pictures, etc. by August 1. You may send them to ***** or drop them off at the Church Office.

Thank you,
Margaret J. Vann, Chair 75th Committee.



**LONG TERM
PRAYER CONCERNS**



Not Published Online

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. **Please** keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the list.



THIS WEEK'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Matt & Karen Ball's anniversary by Stan Ball, and in memory of Reggie Anderson by Mary Anderson.

**SHORT TERM
PRAYER CONCERNS**



Not Published Online

CONDOLENCES to the family of Gaylia Roberts, mother of Brian Roberts, who recently passed.

We are temporarily publishing, as space allows, the prayer concerns that are normally listed in the Sunday bulletins. **Concerns are listed for one month unless we receive an update.** Long term prayer concerns are published monthly in the *Journey*. Send requests to publisher@fcc-hsv.org or call the church office at 256-881-0150 to leave a message. **Please notify the Pastors or the church office if you are going to the hospital and would like to be contacted**

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS
First Christian Church, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Oakmont Christian Church, Saraland, AL



This QR code is linked to the Church's PayPal giving page for your convenience.

HABITAT NEWS

The walls to our 28th Home were erected on Saturday, May 29. Next will be the roof installation. Check the bulletin board outside of the Parlor for photos of our activities

We have an owner. Her name is Wanda Akinhami. She started her journey to home ownership around August 2021. She is in a large family that likes to meet and enjoy each others company, since she is in a small apartment, she can not entertain her family. She hopes to soon have sleepovers for her grandkids in a safe neighborhood and relaxing in her own backyard. She is so thankful to all of the workers who are building her home to make this impossible dream come true!

CHURCH CALENDAR

- June 6 10:30 am Quilters
- June 8 6 pm Men's Group
- June 9 6 pm Board Meeting
- June 12 11:45 am Community Outreach
- June 13 - 17 Junior, Chi Rho, & CYF Camps
- June 13 10:30 am Quilters
5 pm Conveners' Meeting
- June 14 6 pm Elders' Meeting
- June 15 5:30 pm Anniversary Planning Mtg.
6 pm Men's Group
- June 17 - 19 Discovery Camp

COMMUNITY OUTREACH JUNE PROJECT

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Community Outreach Committee's project for June is collecting financial donations for the Foster Care Unit of DHR (Department of Human Resources). There are over 400 children in foster care in Madison County and funding is not adequate to cover all their needs. These children are in care through no fault of their own; they have been abused and neglected by those who should have protected them. Community Outreach, with your help, would like to ensure that the Foster Care Unit has funds on hand to use throughout the year to help our children who are suffering physically, mentally, and emotionally. A check can be made to FCC with "CO/DHR" in the memo line. Thank you for caring about the vulnerable children in our community.

ATTENDANCE

May 29 Worship Service: 75
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 23
June 5 Worship Service: 74
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 18

JOURNEY SUMMER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

With Pastor Paul's sabbatical and the summer season, *The Journey* will be published on the first and third Monday of the month **starting June 6.**

COVID-19 CHURCH PROTOCOLS (Approved by the Board on March 10, 2022)

- An in-person worship service is available at 9:30.** Virtual services (facebook.com/fcchsv, twitch.tv/fcchsv, or First Christian Church Huntsville on YouTube) are also offered every Sunday. While FCC and State recommendations are good benchmarks, we invite all people to worship with us based on their comfort level.
- Enter the church through the Bell Tower Garden/Narthex doors.** The doors by the church office are locked.
- Wearing face coverings/masks is optional**
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available at the Lobby Welcome Table along with prepackaged communion elements.
- The **nursery** is open for the 9:30 a.m. service and the 10:30 a.m. small group time.
- The front section of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, is the least impacted area with the air flow of our heating and cooling system.**
- Offerings may be placed in the brass plate when exiting the sanctuary or sent by mail.
- Small groups** (including Sunday school classes) will meet at **8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.**
- Anyone with any symptoms will remain home and celebrate virtually for at least 14 days
- Please notify the church office immediately if you develop symptoms after attending a service.**